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Today sees our return to League action after the two FA Cup matches against Cambridge United. Having now played Cambridge three times this season, we are in a good position to assess their strengths and weaknesses. However, it is no secret that they have adopted the 'route one' style of play. This system has been used (very successfully, I might add) by Wimbledon, Sheffield United, Leeds and others. By hitting the ball long and hard to two big target men, and pushing up from the back, they reduce the amount of space in which the opposition can play. The system also emphasises aerial and set-piece strengths. If you were to undertake a survey of the goals scored by teams employing this system, you would find the vast majority

come from corners, free-kicks and throw-ins.

A fine example of this was the two goals Cambridge scored here at the Cottage in our League encounter in September. The experience prompted us to work on not letting them gain the ascendancy by keeping us pinned in our own half and pressurizing us into making mistakes. We decided to push up quickly ourselves, and try and force some errors from United. We also set out to play our football in their third of the park. However, too often, we failed to get the ball wide and were never able to get around the back of the flanks and produce crosses.

Unfortunately, the tactics of 'route one' and how to counter them does not always make for a good,

entertaining game of football. So, at the end of the day, a 0-0 draw was very disappointing, especially in front of our biggest crowd of the season.

The replay was a more entertaining affair: although it sounds like 'sour grapes', we were more than unfortunate to have nothing to show for our efforts. 'George' Batty took over in goal after Jim Stannard failed to turn up for training on Monday, and the good news was that Jeff Eckhardt and John Marshall were available and both came on as sub for the last quarter of an hour.

We started very well when Ivor scored following a goalmouth scramble after Gary Brazil's free-kick came back off the woodwork. We have been working hard on free-kicks, so it was pleasing to score as a direct result of one. We conceded a dubious penalty shortly afterwards, but as a whole we dictated the pace of the game and played all the football. The back-four operated as a very strong unit, and the

team in general showed a lot of steel and fought for everything.

The winning goal came out of the blue with 15 minutes to go, Dion Dublin looping a header over George from the edge of the box. I actually missed the goal as I was moving down to the bench to make the substitutions. Jeff Eckhardt came on and went close with a header but it wasn't to be our night, and we went out of the Cup.

Today we welcome Phil Neal and Bolton Wanderers. Their recent unbeaten run has moved them up to within striking distance of the leaders and also earned Phil the Manager of the Month award. It will be a tough game, but provides a great opportunity for us to put our Cup disappointments behind us and start moving away from the lower reaches of the Third Division.

As this is our last home fixture before the festive season, it remains for me to wish all of you a Happy Christmas on behalf of everyone at Fulham Football Club.

Yours Sincerely



ALAN DICKS

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OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Michael Brewer. Michael, from Guildford, had been a Fulham fan for many years and had many friends in the enclosure. He will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends.

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Arsenal will be visiting Craven Cottage this Wednesday, 19th December, for a reserve fixture. Kick-off is at 2pm.

NOON KICK-OFF!

Don't forget that our Boxing Day clash with Bradford City kicks off at Midday at Craven Cottage.

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The club shop will be open everyday up to and including Christmas Eve, so if your stuck for a last minute present, why not drop in?

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Tuesday 27th November 1990

Leyland DAF Cup Preliminary Round

We welcomed our near neighbours Brentford knowing that a point would see us through this tough group and into the next round. In the end we had to settle for just that, largely due to a great display in the second half by Graham Benstead in the Bees' goal.

The game started in similar fashion to most of our games this season. We started slowly, allowing Brentford to get at us from the first minute – and even before Gary Blissett scored early in the sixth minute our back four had been stretched on two previous occasions.

The goal resulted from a deep cross by Ratcliffe, leaving Gary Blissett to outjump Mark Newson on the far post and head past Jim Stannard. Brentford nearly went further ahead when Terry Evans, always a threat from set-pieces, might have done better from a deep corner which he headed high and wide. We gradually started to come into the match and slowly started to go forward and give our overworked defenders some breathing space.

Gary Brazil was the first Fulham player to come close to scoring when, after playing a one-two with Scotty, his shot flew narrowly wide. Martin Pike was the next to try his luck with one of his characteristic long shots, again just off-target. Graham Benstead began what would be an eventful last 55 minutes for him by diving low to hold Philip Gray's powerful shot, foiling Gray again by plucking a Brazil corner off his head.

We started where we left off in the second half, leaping straight into the attack. Gordon Davies and Philip Gray were causing Millen and Evans lots of problems with their quick sharp runs and their all-round mobility. Davies, in particular, was giving Evans a horrid time, pulling him out of position for our midfield players to exploit the space he was leaving. Justin Skinner, making a well-timed run, took advantage of one of these gaps to force Millen to give away a corner. Brazil's well-placed kick was met by Gray's head but Benstead somehow managed to tip the ball onto the bar and over – a save he then repeated from the same player.

Steve Milton replaced the limping Thomas and was in the thick of the action, outpacing Fleming down the right before seeing his cross frantically cleared by Millen. Two minutes later, he became the victim of a crude tackle by Evans, who was lucky to stay out of referee Taylor's book.

Our equaliser, when it eventually came, had a little bit of luck attached. Justin Skinner's cross in the 81st minute

evaded everybody, including the keeper, to sneak in at the far post. Our shots total of 15 to 4 shows the true reflection of a game we should easily have won, but the point at least sees us through into the next round.

FULHAM: Stannard, Newson, Pike, Skinner, North, Morgan, Thomas (Milton), Scott, Gray, Brazil, Davies. Sub not used: Cobb.

BRENTFORD: Benstead, Ratcliffe (Cash), Fleming, Millen, Evans, Cockram (Gayle), Jones, May, Godfrey, Blisset, Smillie.

READING 1 FULHAM 0

Saturday 1st December 1990

Barclays League Division Three

At the end of a week which saw Leroy Rosenior come back to Fulham for the second time this season and Reading come under new chairmanship, both sides approached the fixture with some optimism. In a generally disappointing game, Fulham were unlucky not to return with a point after failing to convert the lion's share of possession into goalscoring opportunities.

We made much the more impressive start, keeping the contest in the Reading half and providing good service to each flank. Both sides missed experienced forwards, with

Below: Philip Gray outjumps Brentford's Ratcliffe.



rd AWAY

Trevor Senior injured for the Royals and Ivor out with a virus; initial salvos were limited to long-range efforts. Our best chance of the first half came after 21 minutes when a precise through ball from Justin Skinner split the Reading defence and put Leroy in a one-to-one with Steve Francis. But the keeper came out well and just beat the advancing striker. Five minutes later, Jim Stannard emulated his opposite number with a fine reflex save from David Leworthy's close shot. At the other end, Philip Gray twice found himself at the centre of promising openings. First he flicked Gary Brazil's cross across goal but Martin Pike couldn't get the right touch, and when Leroy knocked a header down to Gray, he chipped just wide.

It looked as if we would be taking a psychological advantage into the interval, but Reading struck on 44 minutes. George Friel's pass wrong-footed the Fulham defence and Stuart Lovell, playing his first full game for the club, volleyed in at the far post. It could have been two, but another good save from Jim denied Leworthy on the stroke of half time and kept us in the game.

Reading's ambitions seemed limited to a cautious defence of their lead during a second half during which Fulham again made most of the running. However, many of our creative surges broke down in and around the box until a five-minute spell on the hour when we twice might have grabbed an equaliser. Glen Thomas' ball was knocked back to Rosenior, who brought an excellent fingertip save from Francis; the former Chelsea goalkeeper then quickly made another sharp stop from Gary Brazil.

With Brazil moving into a central position and our resources thrown forward, Reading occasionally threatened to catch us on the break. One magnificent run by Michael Gilkes, currently on Brian Clough's Christmas shopping list, saw him bring the ball from inside his own half and jink past three Fulham players until his byeline cross was cleared by Stacey North. Minutes later we were fortunate that Royals' Scott Taylor spurned a clear chance by volleying into the terraces. Finally, new Reading chairman, John Madejski, had Francis to thank for a winning start to his leadership; he kept out Leroy's 85th-minute volley and ensured that our poor away record continued. **FULHAM:** Stannard, Newson, Pike, Skinner, North, Morgan, Thomas, Kelly, Rosenior, Brazil, Gray (Milton). *Sub not used:* Langley.


READING: Francis, Richardson, McPherson, Hicks, Gilkes, Taylor, Gooding, Lovell, Friel, Conroy, Leworthy. *Subs not used:* Seymour, Maskell.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (Up to and including 8th December 1990)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	17	13	2	2	34	23	41
Grimsby	17	11	4	2	29	14	37
Stoke	17	8	4	5	23	18	28
Orient	17	9	1	7	22	20	28
Bury	17	7	6	4	26	22	27
Brentford	17	7	6	4	21	18	27
Bradford	17	8	3	6	21	19	27
Bolton	17	8	3	6	21	21	27
Tranmere	17	7	4	6	29	22	25
Bournemouth	17	6	7	4	22	17	25
Cambridge	17	6	6	5	29	25	24
Reading	17	7	3	7	27	26	24
Huddersfield	17	7	3	7	22	22	24
Birmingham	17	5	9	3	18	18	24
Wigan	17	7	2	8	25	28	23
Swansea	17	6	4	7	17	22	22
Preston	17	5	6	6	20	25	21
Exeter	17	5	5	7	18	17	20
Chester	17	5	4	8	18	20	19
Crewe	17	4	4	9	25	30	16
Fulham	17	3	6	8	18	24	15
Shrewsbury	17	3	4	10	27	34	13
Mansfield	17	3	4	10	17	27	13
Rotherham	17	2	4	11	18	35	10

CUMULATIVE APPEARANCES 1990-91

Player	Apps + Sub	Goals
Graham BAKER	6+1	
Laurence BATTY	4	
Gary BRAZIL	19	5
Gary COBB	6+2	
Michael COLE	1+2	
Gordon DAVIES	11+4	5
Jeff ECKHARDT	9	
Martin FERNEY	9+3	
Shaun GORE	1	
Philip GRAY	4	1
Kelly HAAG	8+5	3
Francis JOSEPH	4+2	1
Mark KELLY	17	
Richard LANGLEY	0+3	
John MARSHALL	12	1
Steve MILTON	6+7	
Simon MORGAN	12	1
Mark NEWSON	23	1
Stacey NORTH	12	
Martin PIKE	23	2
Leroy ROSENIOR	9	3
Peter SCOTT	11	
Justin SKINNER	11+6	
Jim STANNARD	19	
Glen THOMAS	17+2	1



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The BEST and WORST of MARTIN

After watching Pikey score that terrific first goal against Farnborough Town, the new Ed said that's got to be worth an interview.

So on a freezing cold Monday morning I caught up with the goalscorer himself. But before he spoke about the super strike, he reflected on last season's golden goal against Preston North End.

'The ball was knocked out from a corner,' he recalled. 'I controlled it with my left foot, but in doing so it began to bobble about. Thinking I'd missed the chance, I decided to hit it with my right foot; it was a sweet strike and to my delight it swept over the keeper's head and into the net.'

Not bad for an out-and-out left-back. 'That's true,' replied Martin, 'but I enjoyed the goal even more considering it was struck with my right foot.'

Martin earned an early nomination for this year's Goal of the Season with that glorious goal in the FA Cup. 'That's another one I was pleased about,' he continued. It was a similar position to the Preston goal, the difference being I was nearer the goal this time.'

Today's opposition, Bolton Wanderers, brought the memories flooding back to the corresponding fixture last season. 'That was my last game for Bolton after being on a month's loan.'

'Fortunately I knew Fulham were interested in me, so I was determined to have a good game. Within 15 minutes of the match starting I had scored, and straight after that game I joined Fulham.'

His first two games were not to be winning ones for Martin, going down at Swansea on his debut, then losing to Mansfield a couple of days later in horrendous conditions.

'I began to have slight doubts about the side I



PIKEY

joined,' he candidly admits, 'But it all came together in my home debut when we beat Notts County 5-2. Mark Newson also made his debut in this game, so it was an important match for both of us. We were able to brush aside the opposition on this occasion.'

Martin continued to reflect on last season's fixtures, 'There were a few highs...winning at Huddersfield proved to be a crucial three points, as did our

home victory against Brentford. It was very disappointing to be involved in the relegation dogfight, but we came through and have all learned from that nail-biting experience.'

This season also got off to a disappointing start for him personally, missing a penalty at Dean Court. 'Since then, I've handed the penalty taking over to Gary Brazil.' Martin also missed his previous penalty against Shrewsbury, but was able to knock home the rebound, again with his right foot.

All his goals, except the one against Exeter City, have been scored with his right, so I asked Martin to talk us through the 'odd man out'. 'Again it was 25 yards out, but this time from a free-kick situation. My first thought was to pass it, but Gary Brazil tapped to Justin Skinner, whose pass allowed me to crack it past the keeper hard and low.'

Already this season Martin has played in a couple of positions. 'I've enjoyed the variety, as I love attacking down the left side. This new offside rule gives me the chance to do just that.'

Finally, the last words from Martin, 'Today's opponents will bring back happy memories. I got on well with the Bolton lads, and I'm looking forward to getting a good result this afternoon...perhaps even score a couple of goals.'

We all echo this statement and wish him the best of luck.

KEN MYERS



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SHAW THING, SHREWS

Things are now at last going right for former Villa goal ace Gary Shaw. A championship winner at 20, the European Cup at 21, he had everything to play for until a series of injuries led to a free transfer in 1988. Spells at KB Copenhagen and Kagenfurt in Austria proved less than satisfying – and, after a non-contract spell with Walsall at the tail end of last season ended with their relegation, he headed for Gay Meadow. Signed to help the Shrews avoid Walsall's fate, he quickly put their mind on higher things – Wembley – with a brace against divisional rivals Bradford City (they now face Steve Perryman's Watford). While Fulham fans will be hoping the Cup run distracts Shrewsbury from attempting to overhaul us in the table, we surely all wish Gary well.

THE NUMBERS GAME

Returning to the subject of attendances, Chester's 409 for their Leyland DAF tie against Bury was not only their lowest ever but just six off the competition's bottom mark. Birmingham were, the same night, recording their lowest ever home attendance, a relatively enviable 2,922 at St Andrew's against Lincoln. Some of the stayaways may have been registering a protest vote against the controversial membership card system that has made life difficult for Blues fans this term. Introduced by former Reading chief executive Annie Bassett, it has received the thumbs-down from press and fans alike.

ON THE MOVE

Wayne Fereday, the flying winger once seen up the Fulham Palace Road at Queen's Park Rangers found his return south from Newcastle to Bournemouth something of a mixed experience. Having starred in his Cherries debut against Chester, he found himself unfit for the Dean Court Cup visit of non-League Hayes, which would have proved his baptism of fire in the Cup's earliest rounds. Conversely, ex-Wimbledon and Bristol Rovers stopper Pete Cawley's

move to Exeter paid immediate dividends for his last club, Southend, as a stirring performance saw him mark Stoke's Billy Whitehurst out of the game (he was later substituted), and help Exeter to a 2-0 victory.

SOUTHEND STEAMROLLER

That Exeter win – their first in 11 games – saw Southend break a staggering 13 points clear of Alan Ball's third-placed team. Former Hull and Newcastle target man Billy Whitehurst was signed by Sheffield Utd in their promotion drive last season to Division One, although he was never a regular in a full-strength side. He hopes to repeat the feat with Stoke.

His partner is 29-year-old Wayne Biggins, who dropped out of the League after debuting with Lincoln before Burnley resurrected his career in 1984. Spells with Norwich and Manchester City followed before Ball's predecessor Mick Mills splashed a cool £250,000. His top goalscoring feats (five this term to date) came too late to save Mills, but make him a man to watch.

SATURDAY SEQUENCES

Wigan's home defeat earlier this month against Bury to an 85th-minute winner by our old bogeyman Tony Cunningham left them with three successive Springfield Park losses. A happier treble was registered by Preston, who followed up their first three-goal display since last term (against lower-division Rochdale in the Leyland DAF) with a 4-3 victory over Shrewsbury – their first League win in 7 matches. Brian Mooney's midfield magic sparked the win (curiously all seven goals were second-half affairs) having failed to impress Ron Atkinson in a lengthy loan spell at Hillsborough.

GAYLE'S A BLUE

John Gayle's move from Wimbledon to Birmingham City has brought some tough talk from his new manager Dave Mackay. 'He won't beat me up,' laughs the Scot of the man whose training-ground bout with skipper

Keith Curle saw him packing his bags. 'He had been getting stick for months...I would have probably done the same thing.'

Fulham were at one stage reported to be chasing Gayle, whose crude but effective style is currently keeping our old boy Dennis Bailey out of the team as he is harnessed with ex-Bournemouth striker Trevor Aylott.

A YUPPIE CHRISTMAS

Channel 3 continues its Christmas list today by recommending the Filofax Football Guide 1991. Compiled by Chris Rhys and retailing at £3.25 in high-street stationers, it contains all fixtures, info on the League's 92 clubs (a kind of Travellers' Tales in miniature) and is officially endorsed by the League. What's more, the footballer in profile on the cover looks nothing like Gazza – surely a point in its favour...

SAM FOR SALE

Heard the one about the manager who put his entire team on the list, then found another club himself? That's Bury's Sam Ellis, who left this week to take up the job of chief coach at Manchester City. He will link there with player/manager Peter Reid, who started his career with today's visitors, Bolton.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...IN DIVISION 3

14th December 1983...Oxford United, runaway leaders of the Third Division, find themselves on for a treble as, still in the League Cup, they beat Reading 3-0 to gain a lucrative Third Round tie with Manchester United. Meanwhile Lincoln hold up the division with just 6 points from 18 games. 13th December 1989...Third Division strugglers Cardiff face a £2,000 bill from Gloucester City after their FA Cup replay for damage allegedly caused by Welsh supporters.

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It's many a year since the name J Hill appeared on a Fulham team sheet – but on a cold, crisp Saturday afternoon at Portman Road we turned the clock back nearly 30 years when the chairman's son was included as sub for the game.

In a first half which saw both sides score twice, it was the Blues who opened the scoring through Durrant – a goal which brought a swift equaliser from Kelly Haag.

Ipswich were quick to get their lead back via left-back Bens, but a right-sided cross from Gary Cobb took a

deflection past the Ipswich keeper to level the score at two apiece.

After scoring our second, we continued to create chances – but they fell by the wayside, and we allowed the home side to grab the winner when Tanner swept the ball past 'George' Batty.

Jamie Hill came on to replace Richard Smart and could have scored immediately, but looked on in anguish as the ball went wide of the goal.

FULHAM: Batty, O'Connor, Rocastle, Onwere, Gore, Tucker, Cobb, Cole, Haag, Smart (Hill), Hails. Sub not used: Morgan.

Gary Cobb (below) and Kelly Haag (above): scorers vs Ipswich.



OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (MAX 16)

	App	Gls
Graham BAKER	3	
Laurence BATTY	13	
Gary BRAZIL	1	
Michael BROWN	0+2	
Robert BRUTON	0+1	
Gary COBB	12	2
Michael COLE	11	
Gordon DAVIES	2+1	
Martin FERNEY	4	
John FINCH	2	
Ian GILL	1	
Shaun GORE	15	
Kelly HAAG	7	2
Julian HAILS	8+1	
Jamie HILL	0+1	
Kwabena JAMFY	1+3	
Ian JOHNSON	1+4	
Francis JOSEPH	4	
Richard LANGLEY	11	1
Ray LEWINGTON	1+1	
Steve MILTON	8	2
Simon MORGAN	1	
Mark NEWSON	1	
Stacey NORTH	1	
Danny O'CONNOR	7+2	
Udo ONWERE	14	2
Martin PIKE	1	
Chris RILEY	0+1	
Stephen ROCASTLE	9+3	
Peter SCOTT	1	
Justin SKINNER	7	
Richard SMART	4+1	3
Jim STANNARD	3	
Glen THOMAS	3	
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TRAVELLERS' TALES



Following last season's Fourth Division play-off matches, Cambridge United were promoted to Division Three. Hence in a few weeks time we will head up the M11, hoping to avenge the 2-0 defeat at the Cottage in September.

Better known for its university traditions, the city of Cambridge finally made it into the Football League in 1970, when United were elected to replace Bradford Park Avenue.

Formed in 1919, the club were formerly known as Abbey United after the district in which the ground lies. They became Cambridge United in 1949 as the first step towards achieving the ambition of bringing League football to Cambridge – a feat which, for many years, it was thought would first be achieved by neighbours Cambridge City, who are still playing in the Beazer Homes League.

With a current capacity of 9,998 including some 3,500 seats, the Abbey Stadium is one of the more compact arenas in League Football. Most of the seating is contained in the main stand, the first part of which was constructed in 1969, shortly before their admission to the big time.

The only other seating in the ground is in a small section of the Habbin Stand which is opposite the Main Stand. This part of the ground is named after Harry Habbin, a former supporters' club president.

The two ends of the ground both have unusual names: the Corona, or Newmarket Road End, is for home fans, while visiting supporters stand on what is known as the Allotment End, a throwback to the days when the club played on a site close to the present ground named Celery Trenches.

Following last season's success, Cambridge find themselves in the Third Division for the fourth time. Unusually, on all three previous occasions Cambridge have lasted just one season at this level before moving either up or down.

Fulham's visits to the Abbey Stadium have been infrequent, with only four previous League encounters (though by the time you read this we will have visited them for our Second Round FA Cup

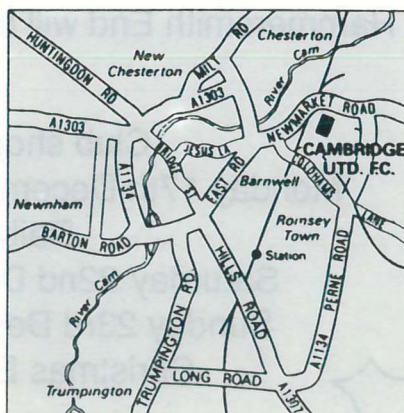
replay). The first League visit, on a sunny Easter Sunday in 1979, saw Cambridge win 1-0; we failed to score in any of our first three visits, finally breaking our duck when Kevin Lock's penalty hit the back of the net in December 1983.

However, those of you lucky enough to be among the 1,335 crowd assembled for a Freight Rover Trophy preliminary round match in 1986 will remember a 4-0 triumph which saw Kenny Achampong score twice, along with goals from Dean Coney and Shaun Gore. With games between us having a reputation for high scores, don't rule out a repeat performance on January 12.

For travelling supporters, seats are available at £6.50 and are located in the Habbin Stand, while those wishing to stand can do so at the Allotment End for £4.50. Disabled supporters should contact the club in advance on 0223 241237.

By road, leave London via the M11 and continue along the motorway to Junction 12, then take the A603 which leads directly to the south side of the Cambridge Ring Road. Continue until the roundabout at the junction of Newmarket Road, turn right into Newmarket Road and the ground is on your right-hand side.

There is a frequent rail service from Liverpool Street. The best trains are the 12.02 and 12.32 arriving at Cambridge at 13.07 and 13.56 respectively. Coming back, the 17.36 arrives at Liverpool Street at 18.50 there is also a service from Kings Cross. The ground is about a 30-minute walk from the station, a day return costs £9.80.



FULHAM FOOTBALL CLUB CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE



The new Mini Shops situated in the Riverside Suite and Directors' Guest Lounge are proving to be a big hit with our supporters on the Thames side of the ground. As you can see by our display pictured above, most lines are available, and it is hoped that a similar facility will be open in the Benfica Bar for today's game. A refurbished shop at the rear of the Hammersmith End will be re-opening in the New Year.

Club shop opening times:
Monday 17th December – Friday 21st December
Daily 11am-7pm
Saturday 22nd December from 9am-5pm
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Christmas Eve from 11am-4pm

My first real awareness of Fulham Football Club came from my uncle Harry. Harry was what you might call a true lifetime supporter. An extremely loyal fan, he had this marvellous ability to listen to anyone else's story about their football team and come up with something bigger, better and altogether more admirable that Fulham had done.

Even when his job meant moving the whole family to Wiltshire, Harry's love for Fulham never wavered. I remember visiting that branch of the family in around 1965 or 1966 when the decision was taken to drive over to Bristol to watch Fulham hammer Bristol City. Unfortunately from Harry's point of view things didn't go according to plan, and Fulham lost 6-0 – with the result that even this most loyal, dedicated supporter found it difficult to find anything good to say about their performance. In fact, if I remember correctly, serious doubts were expressed concerning every player's masculinity, knowledge of the game of football and ability to distinguish a certain part of their anatomy from their elbows.

Sadly Harry is no longer with us – but if he were able to be at today's match I feel sure he would be seriously impressed, as I am, with something the Fulham players are doing.

If you dropped a coin or two into the A.D.A. collecting boxes on your way into the ground today, I would firstly like to thank you for your

HARRY'S GAME

to have any decision to help us made by the individual players themselves rather than it being as a result of club policy, and were highly delighted with the response we received. One of

the first clubs to get involved was Fulham – and, at the time of writing, they are still the only London club to volunteer. The involvement of professional sportspeople and entertainers is a very important part of our strategy, and these players will be helping us in a long-term campaign aimed at highlighting the unhealthy and unfashionable nature of drug taking. Harry would never forgive me if I didn't take this opportunity to publicly express my sincere thanks to Gordon Davies and the rest of the lads for their support. Perhaps you would join me in giving them some extra applause as they run out onto the pitch this afternoon.

The 'unhealthy, unfashionable' campaign is just a small part of our work. The main objective at the moment is to open the first national telephone help and information line on this difficult subject. We want to provide a facility where concerned parents, confused kids, teachers or employers can obtain reliable advice and help about any drug-related problem without having to pay well over the odds for the phone call. We want to use the information on age, sex and substances to identify areas where more specific drug-related education is needed. We hope to be able to measure the effectiveness of such education

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generosity and secondly, I would like to tell you a little bit more about the work that will be done with the money raised. I will also tell you what the Fulham players are doing that I think my uncle Harry would have been proud of.

The A.D.A. Foundation is a new international drug education charity. It's based in London and has been set up by a small number of very ordinary people who happen to think something better can and should be done about the drug problem and kids today. The international nature of A.D.A. simply means that we all get to benefit from experience gained by other people in other countries before we start any new project. I feel sure you would agree that this is much better than simply throwing money at the problem and hoping it will go away. An important aspect of our approach though is to ensure that all funds raised in any country are spent in that country...so your donation is going to be of use here in Britain.

Several months ago I approached the Professional Footballers' Association to ask for help in contacting players who might be sympathetic to our cause. We felt it was important

programmes by noting changes in call volumes.

Your donation, and those of many other football supporters at matches all over the country, will be used to help set up the telephone information service. Before today's kick-off I hope to be accepting cheques from a number of businesses with links to Fulham Football Club who also wish to add their support to that of the Fulham players. If you would like to help you can still send a donation payable to 'A.D.A. Foundation' at PO Box 2JX, London W1A 2JX. Our registered charity number is 328443.

In case you're wondering, the story about my uncle Harry is completely true. I hope you enjoy today's match as much as he would have done.

CHRIS SMITH

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Philip Gray establishes early aerial superiority over West London...



...as Glen Thomas and the Bees' Keith Millen take to the air.



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Local derbies with Brentford are — and our recent Leyland DAF Phil Wardle's photos show. The night, but our 1-1 draw saw us q

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Ivor mixes it with the Brentford 'heavy mob', as sub Steve Milton looks on.

This cross from Justin Skinner (out of picture) evaded 'Milt's' but proved the equaliser.



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DIRECTORS' BOX

For a second time this season any hopes of a successful Cup run ended in the Cambridgeshire mud and I can assure you that it seemed a longer journey coming back from the match than it did when we all went there full of hope a few hours earlier. On a freezing cold, wet and windy night, we witnessed a very different match than the awful aerial battle of last Friday. We had the advantage of scoring in the first minute and the team played some very attractive football in difficult conditions. However, our luck was out and we finished up losing to what can only be described as a very debatable penalty and a soft goal, the latter coming 15 minutes from the end of the match. It was all very disappointing as we had enough chances to have won the match comfortably and everyone was starting to look forward to the journey to Molineux. The support for the team from our travelling fans was superb and very much appreciated by everyone present from the club. It is such a pity that, for the second time this season, we have missed out on rewarding them with one of the big teams in the Cup. Let us hope we do not draw one of the Cambridgeshire teams in the Leyland DAF Cup as we need a good run in this competition to lift our season.

There are promising signs, however, and it's not all gloom. The return to action of Jeff Eckhardt, John Marshall, Gavin Nebbeling, Peter Scott and Martin Ferney this week can only be good for the club as it makes the competition for first-team places even greater. Let's hope they all came through their matches without injury and that some of them are available for selection today.

The South East Counties League side are continuing to maintain their good League form (the away match against Leyton Orient being the exception) and are currently holding down their highest League position for some years. It cannot be long before we see more of our youngsters forcing their way into the first team like Martin Ferney has this season, despite the strong competition for places that already exists. The important thing is not to rush them into first-team action alongside other inexperienced players, thus putting them under undue pressure, as this can only hinder their long term development. This is unlikely to happen with the current first team squad as it contains more mature professionals than for quite a few years. I know the last thing you want to hear is 'be patient', as it is the type of comment the regulars among you have heard so often in the past, but the talent really is there and it cannot be long before it forces its way through.

With all the players who have been injured of late back in full training, by the time you read these notes, it will give us plenty of cover for the busy Christmas and New Year programme. Let us all hope we end 1990 the way we mean to begin 1991. We must put together a sequence of wins now if we are to make one of the promotion places this season. The current squad has the talent and all we need now is the belief and consistency to ensure we are challenging for the Second Division in May. After all, there is an additional play-off spot this year and we are only the equivalent of four wins behind the team currently in seventh spot.

Off the field, we are making great strides commercially and the club is currently earning more revenue from non-football sources than it has for many years. Most of

our home matches are sponsored and there are not many match balls still available.

There are more advertising boards around the ground than there have been for some time, but there are still some sites available for hire if anyone is interested.

Please contact the commercial department for rates and availability as soon as possible and join our other sponsors and advertisers in time for the New Year. We aim to make it a successful one for everyone concerned with Fulham Football Club.

Now that the new caterers have survived the initial teething problems and got their 'feet under the table', everything seems to be running very smoothly in that area of the club. The bars are full before and after matches these days and everyone seems to be happy with the new arrangements. There are many private functions now being booked in the Riverside Suite and we would be happy to look after any future requirements our supporters may have – both privately or on behalf of your company. Just contact Paul Cass at the club and he will gladly take your bookings. A menu can be prepared for any kind of celebration such as office parties, birthday parties and wedding anniversaries, or alternatively you can simply hire the rooms with full bar. It is essential that the club facilities are used more than just alternate Saturday afternoons and the occasional Tuesday evening if we are to successfully balance the books.

Today we welcome the directors, players, staff and, of course, the supporters of Bolton Wanderers to Craven Cottage and we look forward to an exciting match. Phil Neal has put together a very solid and experienced side and we know they will not be easy opposition. We are, however, confident of gaining three points and your encouragement from the terraces will help the team achieve this objective. What we need in 1991 is more unity of purpose at the club as we are all supporters of the same cause at heart. No one wants to see Fulham Football Club climb back up the Leagues more than the current board members do, and we will do everything possible to make sure that happens in the very near future. Have a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.



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TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot is Thomas Sperlinger from Lee in South East London. Thomas attends Colfe's School and he was eleven years old on December 2nd 1990. He went to his first Fulham match when he was four years old and his current favourite players are Gordon Davies, Martin Pike and Jim Stannard. His hobbies include badminton, swimming and music.

FULHAM HELP A.D.A.

Today we also welcome to Craven Cottage representatives of the Anti Drug Abuse foundation.

The club is pleased to be involved in this new anti drug abuse initiative and are delighted to designate today's fixture as a special 'ADA' charity day.

The 'ADA' foundation are enlisting the support of professional footballers in all divisions, in presenting drug taking as unhealthy and unfashionable. Their aim is to raise £350,000 to open a national telephone drugs information line. Please support this important charity.

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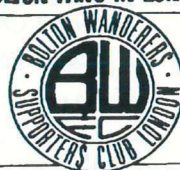
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If you are between the ages of 18 to 55 and are interested, contact Keith Lacy on 071-736 6561.

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Bolton fans in London can keep right up to date with all the latest news from Burnden Park by joining the Bolton Wanderers Supporters' Club London.

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NOVEMBER COTTAGE CHANCE WINNERS!

Club captain Gavin Nebbeling and chairman Jimmy Hill made the Ramada Inn Cottage Chance draw for November during half-time of our Leyland DAF Cup tie against Brentford. The winners, who are all guests of the club at today's match, were as follows:

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SWIFT RESPONSE!

The Fulham Programme Collectors' Club reacted very swiftly when they read that Gary Cobb needed a kit sponsor! They immediately rang up and agreed to sponsor Gary's kit for the rest of the season. Our special thanks go to the Programme Collectors' Club for completing the kit sponsors page.

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Saturday 1st December 1990

South East Counties League

After the 5-0 drubbing the week before, our juniors put in a good all-round team effort, which enabled us to get back on the victory trail against a Norwich side whose scouts go all over the British Isles to try to get the best possible youngsters. Normally a side who like to play football, Norwich were beaten by our all-round strength.

It was a game of very few chances, with our winner coming in the 59th minute from Paul Sheldrick. A long throw from Kwabena Jamfy was followed by a succession of 'flick-ons' from Darren Brodrick and Leon Lewis before 'Shelly' ran on to beat the keeper for goal number 12 of the season.

This was the only chance to fall to our leading junior, who was playing in partnership with schoolboy John Richards, proving to be a useful addition to the squad on his debut for the juniors.

FULHAM: Rudgley, Baranowski, L Lewis, Kelly, Brodrick, McMillan, Hurdle, Johnson, Richards (Sugrue), Sheldrick, Jamfy. Sub not used: Gayle.

Bully's View: Good to get back onto the winning trail with a strong team performance. Let's hope we can carry on to build on this victory in the coming weeks.



Danny O'Connor, injured against West Ham.

Bully's View: The 3-1 scoreline flattered West Ham, as this was the best game we have played this year. All of our players played well; we played hard but fair and nobody shirked their responsibilities. It was disappointing to come away without any reward for our efforts.

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Saturday 8th December 1990

South East Counties League

This entertaining game started with 25 minutes of end-to-end football. Top of the table West Ham opened the scoring from a free-kick, but we fought back with an equaliser just before half-time. Kwabena Jamfy, who showed delicate skills throughout the game, provided an inch-perfect cross for Jimmy Sugrue to score.

The second half continued to see both sides play flowing attractive football, but a knee injury to Danny O'Connor mid-way through the half saw us reduced to ten men – and it was while the substitution was being prepared that the Hammers struck for the second time.

Our juniors showed a lot of guts and determination and went in search of an equaliser. However, we squandered several chances and West Ham broke away with a great six-man passing movement to score the final goal of the game.

FULHAM: Rudgley, L Lewis, Jupp, Kelly, McMillan, Brodrick, Hurdle, O'Connor (Johnson), Sugrue (Baranowski), Jamfy, Sheldrick.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE JUNIOR FLOODLIGHT & FA YOUTH CUPS (MAX 19)

	Apps	Goals
Jonas AGYEI-TABI	1+5	
Frank BARANOWSKI	13+3	
Darren BRODRICK	9	
Lee BUDD	8+1	3
Gavin HUMPHREYS	8	1
Augustus HURDLE	15+1	
Kwabena JAMFY	14+1	1
Ian JOHNSON	13+3	1
Duncan JUPP	3	
Paul KELLY	19	
Junior LEWIS	13+2	5
Leon LEWIS	19	1
Jamie McMILLAN	15	1
Michael MORGAN	1+1	
Danny O'CONNOR	15	1
Simon RUDGLEY	19	
Paul SHELDRIK	15+2	12
Jimmy SUGRUE	6+4	2

Graham Baker



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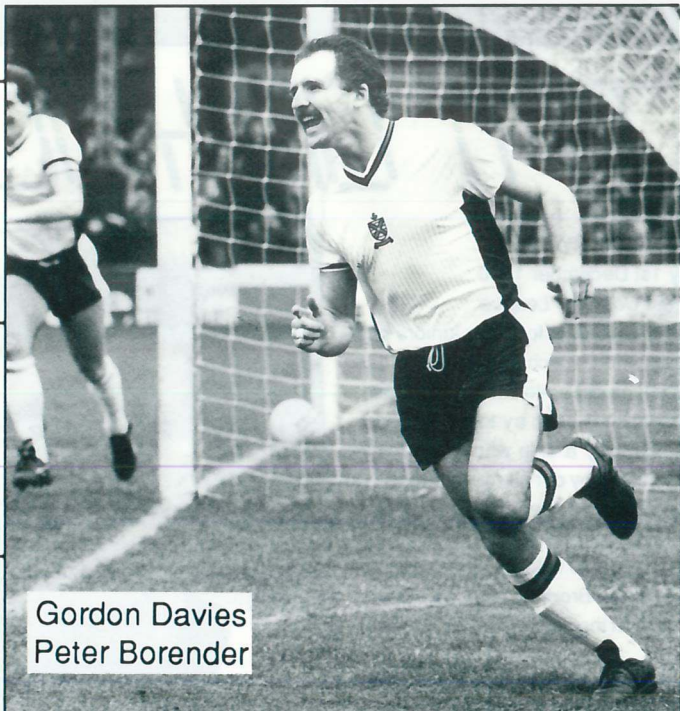


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FOR COTTAGE & COUNTRY



Gerry Peyton has had the rare distinction of playing under four different Eire managers – yet as he reflected on his first international cap, he reminded me that it might have been so different.

'When I was selected by Don Revie for the England Under-21s, neither he nor Bobby Campbell, the Fulham boss at that time, knew that I had already pledged myself to Johnny Giles' Eire side.

'I immediately told Bobby that I'd wanted to play for Eire, because at the time the home country had Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Phil Parkes – so I thought I would have better international prospects playing for Eire.'

So, having made the decision to play for the Irish, Gerry made his international debut in February 1977, coming on in the second half against Spain. 'The game ended in defeat...but the goal had already been scored before I came on, so I kept a clean sheet.'

Gerry kept his place for the next game against Bulgaria and kept another clean sheet. In his third match he at last was on a winning side – even though he conceded two goals with the Irish running out easy winners, brushing aside Turkey 4-2.

Thinking back to those first games for the Republic, he continued 'The early days for Ireland weren't as successful as the last four years have been. But having said that, we were always impressive at home; we just let ourselves down a bit away from home.'

His first trip abroad was a venture behind the Iron Curtain to Lodz, Poland, who were very strong on their home ground. 'The Poles, like many other East European sides, are very fit, very skilful and very hard, exactly as they are now.'

'The standard hasn't changed, whether it's playing against Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia or Poland. They were always hard countries to play against.'

Gerry's international career has blossomed since those heady days of 1977. He has played against most of the world's top sides – including Argentina, which brought back fond memories.

'I have a picture in my lounge of a 17-year-old Maradona hitting a free-kick round the wall and myself touching the ball past the post. That was just after his international debut, when Argentina had gone on tour



GERRY PEYTON

after winning the World Cup. I managed to keep a clean sheet, which is a great memory.'

Nine months later, the keeper who made 395 appearances for Fulham in a Cottage career which lasted ten seasons, walked out at Wembley. 'It was the European Championships, a packed capacity and a brilliant experience.' But it also proved to be a painful one. 'I had to leave the field after clashing with David Johnson, with blood gushing from a wound in the head which required stitches. Both of us had gone for a ball, resulting in David being knocked out and me walking off to have the cut stitched.'

'The score was 1-0 to England – and immediately after Ron Healey came on to replace me, Kevin Keegan notched his second goal of the night.'

After playing for five years for Eire, there was a four-year gap when new manager Eoin Hand took over. 'From that time I was only included in the squads and played only once: that was in Trinidad.'

Also included in the party on that South American tour was another Fulham favourite, Sean O'Driscoll. 'That was the only time I played under Eoin, having had all the previous matches under the leadership of Johnny Giles.' The one exception was playing against Turkey under Alan Kelly. 'Jim McDonagh was Number One choice under Eoin, while Packy Bonner and I used to alternate for second choice. It was very frustrating.'

Gerry later played under Jack Charlton's command, but among all four managers he singled out 'Johnny Giles...superb, a great tactician. But each one has had different ideas on the way the game should be played, and I have enjoyed every match.'

Having played so many times for Fulham between 1976 and 1986, it was a wrench to leave. As Gerry adds, however, 'It was the best decision I've ever made – the last four years, I'm sorry to say, have been fabulous! After moving to Bournemouth, we achieved promotion in the first season and in the second and fourth seasons I've been involved in the European Championships and the World Cup, so since I left it has gone very well.'

Finally, looking back on his decision to leave, Gerry commented, 'It was sad that Fulham went down the last season I was there, but let's hope Bournemouth and Fulham can come back up this season.'

KEN MYERS

Cottage diary



TODAY'S
COTTAGE DIARY
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FULHAM IN THE COMMUNITY



Chairman Jimmy Hill (*above*) assisted Cottage Sports and Social Club member Eileen Cockerill with the raffle.

Special guests for the evening were Fulham ex pro fighters Tommy and Billy Barnham (*right*) with their families, all lifelong supporters of the club. The brothers pictured with Jimmy and Alan, are a great advert for the boxing game.

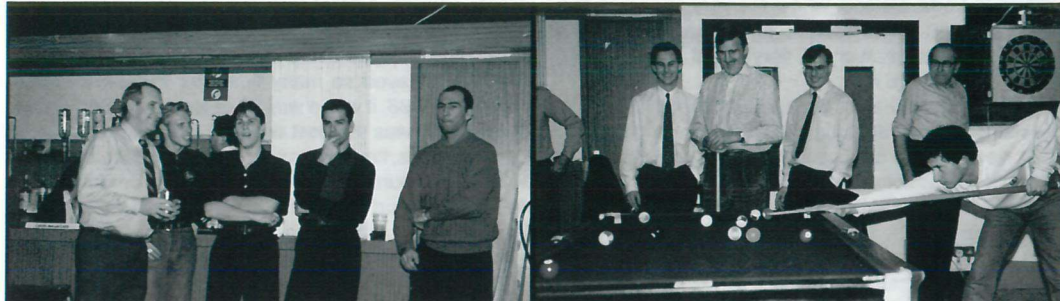


Martin Ferney showed all his natural skills in winning both the finals of pool and darts. Martin is pictured with beaten finalists. (*far left*) Jim Ruse (darts) and (*left*) Neil Musgrave (pool).

Sonia (*below*) only wants double top. Alan Dicks showed the determination required for success in his darts match with junior Black and Whites mum Sonia Upham from Crawley.



The second of our FOFFRO games nights, held in the Riverside Suite on 3rd December, was another outstanding success. The parents of members of our junior Black and Whites section were joined by supporters from all over the south of England in an evening of fun and games. Chairman Jimmy Hill and manager Alan Dicks joined with players Martin Ferney, Kelly Haag, Steve Milton and Gavin Nebbeling to provide opposition at darts and pool. The wonderful atmosphere created by those present brought back to the Cottage all the things that are great within our tremendous group of generous supporters and staff.



Manager Alan Dicks and his team (*above*) weigh up the opposition, while the chairman (*above*), supported by Gary Parr and Elliot Croft, looks happy enough as his opponent Steve Kercher, who travelled up from Guildford for the event, takes his shot.

In The Hot Seat

For the third time in his short managerial career, Phil Neal was named Divisional Manager of the Month last November. Having won the award twice last season, this latest award comes after an unbeaten run that was carried through November.

Neal was born in Irchester and joined Northampton Town after leaving school. He played 182 League games for the Cobblers at full-back, scoring 29 League goals. His



consistent performances attracted Liverpool's attention, and he became Bob Paisley's first signing for £65,000 in 1974. He turned out for the Reds on 453 occasions in the League and found the net 41 times. During this spell he col-

lected numerous winners medals and was capped 50 times by England, including a trip to the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

After 11 glorious years at Anfield, he joined Wanderers in December 1985 as player-manager. He has appeared 66 times for the Burnden Park outfit and has hit three goals. These days he only uses himself as emergency cover, but is as keen as ever when playing for the Pontins' Central League side.

We have played Bolton 43 times, our visitors just having the edge with 19 wins compared to our 15.

When the Wanderers travelled to the Cottage last January, two splendid goals from Justin Skinner and Steve Milton earned Fulham a respectable 2-2-draw. Martin Pike, playing his last game for Bolton before joining us, opened the scoring in the first minute.

In the previous season at Burnden Park, we went down 3-2 with Andy Sayer and Gary Peters our scorers. The score was the same in February 1987. Kevin Hoddy with a low drive and Kenny Achampong with a lofted shot were our second-half scorers, but de-

Déjà Vu

fensive lapses meant that these strikes were not enough.

Less than 2,500 fans were present at the Cottage when Bolton came in September 1986 to see Roddy Brathwaite (now at Kingstonian) start his first full League game in a Fulham shirt.

In an entertaining match, we achieved our first victory of that season. Dean Coney scored twice, with Kenny Achampong and Peter Scott also netting as Fulham ran out 4-2 winners.

Coney had also been on the mark four years earlier, when Bolton came to the Cottage.

Two stikres from Dixie plus a Ray Houghton goal and a Ray Lewington penalty gave us a 4-0 victory, our best ever result against them. Later on in the season we completed the double thanks to Sean O'Driscoll's single goal.

Bolton's last victory here was in January 1977, when over 12,000 saw goalkeeper Perry Digweed make his debut in a New Year Bank Holiday fixture which saw the visitors emerge 2-0 victors.

We also played Wanderers three times at Craven Cottage during our First Division spell. Our best result was in November 1949, when Beddy Jezzard, Bob Thomas and Arthur Rowley all netted to give us a 3-0 victory.

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THE TROTTERS

Having made an inauspicious start to the season Bolton have got their act together and are moving nicely up the table.

Unbeaten in ten matches, they have won the last six to move into seventh place in the table. This fine run was rewarded when Phil Neal won the Barclays League Division Three Manager of the Month award.

Having achieved a play-off place last season, Bolton were one of the pre-season favourites for promotion. For much of last season they were in with a realistic chance of automatic promotion, but with just nine points from the final 45 they had to settle for sixth place and a play-off. They didn't

progress beyond the first stage, however, losing 3-1 to eventual promotion winners Notts County.

They also lost out to the eventual winners, Tranmere Rovers, defending the Sherpa Van/Leyland DAF Cup they had won in 1989. They reached the Northern area semi-final but went down 2-1 to the Merseysiders.

Bolton's relative success on the pitch was reflected in a 27% increase in attendance figures, their average of 7,286 being the fourth highest in the Division.

This season's leading scorer is Tony Philliskirk with 11 in all competitions. Julian Darby and David Reeves are joint second with six apiece.



Back Row, Left to Right: Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage.

Middle Row, Left to Right: Phil Neal (manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (coach).

Front Row, Left to Right: Ewan Simpson (physio), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (youth team coach).

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

One of the founder members of the Football League, the Wanderers were originally known as Christ Church when they were formed in 1874. In 1877 the present name was adopted – a name which was to become one of the best known in English football.

The Trotters moved to their current home at Burnden Park in 1895 after spells at Park Recreation Ground, Cockles Field and Pikes Lane.

Bolton were the first winners of the FA Cup Final following its move to Wembley in 1923. An estimated 200,000 packed the Empire Stadium to overflowing with a further 500,000 locked outside. The Wanderers dominated the competition in the Twenties, going on to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929, but they then had to wait until 1958 for their next major honour. Then the legendary Nat Lofthouse led the team to further FA Cup glory when they beat the Munich-ravaged Manchester United side by 2-0.

In the League, Bolton enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911-33 and again from 1935-64. In 1970-71, the club dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history. Two years later, they were promoted as champions.

First Division status was regained at the end of the 1977-78 season, being promoted as champions after twice finishing in fourth place in the Second Division. Relegation followed in 1980 and Bolton found themselves back in the Third Division in 1983. In 1987 they were relegated to Division Four for the first time but 12 months later won promotion.

Bolton Wanderers returned to Wembley, the scene of so many triumphs, in May 1986 as finalists in the Freight Rover Trophy, losing to Bristol City. Three years later they returned again, in the newly named Sherpa Van Trophy, this time tasting success in a 4-1 victory over Torquay United.

FACTS AND FIGURES

FA Cup Winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958
FA Cup Finalists: 1894, 1904, 1953
Freight Rover Finalists: 1986
Second Division Champs: 1908-09, 1977-78
Third Division Champs: 1972-73
Sherpa Van Trophy Wnrs: 1989

Burnden Park capacity: 27,500
Record attendance: 69,912 v Manchester City, 1933
Pitch measurements: 113yds x 76 yards
Club nickname: The Trotters
Managers since 1946: Walter Rowley
Bill Riddling
Nat Lofthouse
Jimmy McIlroy
Jimmy Meadows
Nat Lofthouse
Jimmy Armfield
Ian Greaves
Stan Anderson
George Mulhall
John McGovern
Charlie Wright

Present manager: Phil Neal
Record victory: 13-0 v Sheffield Utd, 1890
Record defeat: 0-7 v Manchester City, 1936
Highest League scorer in one season: Joe Smith, 38, 1920-21
Most League goals total: Nat Lofthouse, 255, 1946-61
Most capped player: Nat Lofthouse, 33, England
Most League apps: Eddie Hopkinson, 519, 1956-70

Welsh international DAVID FELGATE is the custodian of Wanderers' goal, and he is currently enjoying his second spell at the club having served Lincoln City and Grimsby Town since first leaving Burnden Park.

Club captain PHIL BROWN fills the right-back slot with BARRY COWDRILL currently operating as left-back. Phil has been ever present over the last two seasons since joining from Halifax Town. Barry started his League career with his local club West Bromwich Albion before joining Wanderers two years ago. He won last season's Player of the Year award.

MARK WINSTANLEY and MARK SEAGRAVES play in the centre of defence. Winstanley is a product of Bolton's youth policy and made his debut in 1986. His consistent performances have attracted the attention of some First Division clubs. Seagraves is a recent addition to the team, having been transferred from Manchester City for £100,000 in September.

Midfielder PAUL COMSTIVE arrived at Burnden Park in September 1989 having turned out on 82 occasions for Burnley. Playing alongside him is STUART STORER, who joined the Wanderers in a £25,000 deal from Everton in January 1988 following a loan spell. Oldham-born STEVE THOMPSON is the club's longest serving professional having made his debut in 1982. He has now played over 300 games in three divisions of the Football League.

WHO'S WHO Striker DAVID REEVES joined the club the summer before last from Sheffield Wednesday, a tribunal setting the fee at £80,000. £50,000 was the figure involved when SCOTT GREEN arrived at Burnden Park from Derby County last March. He failed to make the first team at the Baseball Ground, but forced his way into the Bolton side in the later stages of the campaign. TONY PHILLISKIRK was last season's leading goalscorer after his close-season £50,000 move to Burnden from Preston. He began his career with Sheffield United making 80 appearances before moving to Oldham in July 1988, where he spent only 7 months. Another product of the club's youth policy is midfielder JULIAN DARBY. He has now made over 150 appearances for his home town club and was ever present last term scoring 12 goals.

Liverpool-born ROBBIE SAVAGE missed most of last season through injury. He joined Bolton in September 1987 following spells at Liverpool, Stoke City, Bournemouth and Bradford City. Another native of Merseyside, SAMMY LEE, recently joined the club on a free transfer from Southampton. Sammy, a former England international, enjoyed the best days of his career with Liverpool before having a taste of continental football in Spain. He returned to England to join QPR before moving on to the Dell.

Date	Opponents	Res	Pos	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Aug 25	Crewe Alexandra	1-1	-	4,143	Batty	Newson	Pike	Skinner	Eckhardt	Thomas	Baker	Kelly	Joseph	(Milton)
RLC28	Peterborough Utd	1-2	-	2,736	Batty	Newson	Pike	Scott	Eckhardt	(Thomas)	Baker	Kelly	(Cole)	Joseph
Sep 1	Cambridge Utd	0-2	-	4,145	Batty	Newson	Pike	(Scott)	Thomas	Eckhardt	Kelly	Baker	(Joseph)	Milton
RLC 4	Peterborough Utd	0-2	-	2,968	Batty	Newson	Pike	Scott	Thomas	Eckhardt	Kelly	(Gore)	(Joseph)	Milton
8	Shrewsbury Town	2-2	20	2,929	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Ferney)	Thomas	Eckhardt	Kelly	Baker	(Haag)	Braz
15	Huddersfield Town	0-0	19	3,853	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Ferney	Thomas	Eckhardt	Kelly	Baker	(Haag)	Braz
18	Wigan Athletic	1-2	23	3,041	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Ferney)	Thomas	Eckhardt	(Kelly)	Skinner	Haag	Braz
22	Preston N E	0-1	23	4,691	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Scott)	Thomas	(Eckhardt)	Kelly	Davies	Haag	Braz
29	AFC Bournemouth	0-3	24	5,855	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Scott)	Thomas	(Baker)	Kelly	Haag	Rosenior	Braz
Oct 2	Birmingham City	2-2	24	4,011	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Ferney	(Thomas)	Cobb	Kelly	(Haag)	Rosenior	Braz
6	Rotherham Utd	2-0	22	3,498	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Davies)	North	Cobb	Kelly	Ferney	Rosenior	Braz
13	Stoke City	1-2	23	12,394	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Ferney)	North	Morgan	Kelly	(Davies)	Rosenior	Braz
20	Swansea City	2-2	22	4,500	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Ferney	North	Morgan	Kelly	Davies	Rosenior	Braz
23	Bury	2-0	20	3,439	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Ferney	North	Morgan	(Kelly)	Cobb	Rosenior	Braz
27	Exeter City	3-2	20	4,536	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	Kelly	(Cobb)	Rosenior	Braz
Nov 4	Leyton Orient	0-1	20	6,163	Stannard	Newson	Pike	(Skinner)	North	Morgan	Kelly	Scott	(Milton)	Braz
10	Southend Utd	1-1	20	5,808	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	Thomas	Scott	Gray	Braz
LDC12	Leyton Orient	2-0	-	1,359	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	(Eckhardt)	Morgan	Thomas	Scott	Gray	Braz
FAC17	Farnborough Town	2-1	-	4,990	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	Thomas	Scott	(Haag)	Braz
24	Tranmere Rovers	1-2	20	4,194	Stannard	Newson	(Pike)	(Ferney)	North	Morgan	Thomas	Scott	Gray	Braz
LDC27	Brentford	1-1	-	2,761	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	(Thomas)	Scott	Gray	Braz
Dec 1	Reading	0-1	21	4,073	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	Thomas	Kelly	Rosenior	Braz
FAC 7	Cambridge Utd	0-0	-	5,929	Stannard	Newson	Pike	Skinner	North	Morgan	Thomas	Kelly	Rosenior	Braz
FAC11	Cambridge Utd (R)	1-2	-	4,996	Batty	Newson	(Pike)	(Skinner)	North	Morgan	Thomas	Kelly	Rosenior	Braz
15	Bolton Wanderers													
22	Mansfield Town													
26	Bradford City													
29	Chester City													
Jan 1	Grimsby Town													
5	Brentford													
12	Cambridge Utd													
19	Crewe Alexandra													
26	Huddersfield Town													
Feb 2	Wigan Athletic													
5	Preston N E													
9	Shrewsbury Town													
12	Brentford													
16	Tranmere Rovers													
23	Southend Utd													
Mar 2	Reading													
9	Bolton Wanderers													
12	Birmingham City													
16	AFC Bournemouth													
19	Stoke City													
23	Rotherham Utd													
30	Bradford City													
Apr 1	Mansfield Town													
6	Chester City													
13	Grimsby Town													
20	Swansea City													
27	Bury													
May 4	Exeter City													
11	Leyton Orient													

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Wednesday 26th December 1990

Bradford City

Kick-Off: 12.00 Noon

Barclays League Division Three

Saturday 29th December 1990

Chester City

Kick-Off: 3.00pm

Barclays League Division Three

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

League Table up to and including 8th December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	17	13	0	4	41	22	39
Wimbledon	17	11	3	3	29	14	36
Chelsea	16	10	0	6	32	19	30
Luton Town	16	8	3	5	33	25	27
Arsenal	15	8	2	5	25	18	26
Portsmouth	16	7	5	4	25	18	26
Southampton	17	7	4	6	26	31	25
Millwall	16	6	6	4	35	22	24
Crystal Palace	15	6	5	4	29	20	23
Norwich City	15	6	5	4	25	18	23
Swindon Town	17	6	5	6	30	27	23
Charlton Athletic	16	6	4	6	25	23	22
QPR	16	5	5	6	27	29	20
Brighton & Hove Albion	16	5	3	8	21	29	18
West Ham Utd	15	5	1	9	18	33	16
Oxford Utd	15	4	3	8	22	25	15
Watford	14	4	3	7	16	28	15
Fulham	16	3	4	9	16	36	13
Ipswich Town	16	2	6	8	17	28	12
Reading	19	3	3	13	13	40	12

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

League Table up to and including 1st December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham Utd	13	10	2	1	41	13	22
Arsenal	13	8	4	1	33	15	20
Tottenham Hotspur	12	8	3	1	32	15	19
Leyton Orient	14	6	5	3	20	13	17
Millwall	13	8	0	5	27	24	16
Gillingham	13	5	4	4	26	22	14
Charlton Athletic	14	4	5	5	30	27	13
Fulham	13	6	1	6	20	22	13
Watford	12	4	4	4	18	13	12
Chelsea	13	5	2	6	18	19	12
Norwich City	13	4	2	7	18	25	10
QPR	13	4	2	7	14	24	10
Portsmouth	12	2	5	5	10	14	9
Southend Utd	12	2	4	6	23	34	8
Cambridge Utd	14	2	3	9	23	43	7
Ipswich Town	14	2	2	10	17	37	6

11	12	14
Marshall'	Cole(10)	Langley
Marshall	Skinner(6)	Langley(9)
Marshall	Cole(9)	Skinner(4)
Marshall	Baker(8)	Haag(9)
Marshall	Joseph(9)	Skinner(4)
Marshall	Davies(9)	Skinner
Marshall	Davies(4)	Milton(7)
Marshall	Skinner(4)	Joseph(6)
Marshall	Davies(4)	Langley(6)
Marshall	Davies(8)	Langley(5)
Marshall	Langley	Haag(4)
Marshall	Cobb(4)	Milton(8)
(Milton)	Cobb(11)	Skinner
(Davies)	Skinner(7)	Milton(11)
(Davies)*	Haag(11)	Thomas(8)
Davies	Thomas(4)	Haag(9)
Davies	Eckhardt	Haag
(Davies)	Ferney(5)	Haag(11)'
(Cobb)	Milton(9)	Ferney(11)
Davies*	Milton(3)	Skinner(4)
Davies	Milton(7)	Cobb
(Gray)	Milton(11)	Langley
(Davies)	Langley	Milton(11)
Davies'	Eckhardt(3)	Marshall(4)

MATCH BY MATCH

KEY

(Name) Substituted

Name Booked

Name¹ Scorer

Name Sent Off

RLC Rumbelows League Cup

FAC FA Cup

LDC Leyland DAF Cup

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OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1990-91

Date	Opponents		
Aug. 29	Luton Town	H	0-3
Sept. 5	Crystal Palace	H	0-0
Sept. 12	Oxford Utd	H	3-3
Sept. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0-5
Sept. 19	Watford	H	1-0
Sept. 25	Portsmouth	H	0-2
Oct. 3	Wimbledon (7.30pm)	A	1-5
Oct. 10	Southampton	H	2-3
Oct. 16	QPR	A	2-2
Oct. 26	Norwich City (7.30pm)	A	0-2
Oct. 31	West Ham Utd	H	2-1
Nov. 5	Millwall	A	0-5
Nov. 14	Wimbledon	H	3-0
Nov. 20	Watford (7.30pm)	A	0-1
Nov. 28	Norwich City	H	0-2
Dec. 1	Ipswich Town	A	2-3
Dec. 12	Swindon Town	H	
Dec. 19	Arsenal	H	

Jan. 2	Charlton Athletic	H	
Jan. 9	Chelsea	A	
Jan. 16	Oxford United (7.30pm)	A	
Jan. 23	Queens Park Rangers	H	
Jan. 26	Portsmouth	A	
Feb. 2	Arsenal (3.00pm)	A	
Feb. 13	Chelsea	H	
Feb. 16	Luton Town	A	
Feb. 27	Ipswich Town	H	
Mar. 5	Charlton Athletic (7.00pm)	A	
Mar. 13	Millwall	H	
Mar. 20	Swindon Town (7.00pm)	A	
Mar. 27	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Apr. 3	Brighton	H	
Apr. 10	Reading	A	
Apr. 18	West Ham Utd (7.00pm)	A	
Apr. 22	Crystal Palace (7.30pm)	A	
Apr. 27	Southampton (3.00pm)	A	
May 1	Brighton (7.15pm)	A	
May 8	Reading	H	

Matches kick-off at 2.00pm unless stated.

S.E. COUNTIES FIXTURES 1990-91

Date	Opponents		
Aug. 25	QPR	A	0-1
Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	A	3-1
Sept. 3	QPR (SJFC)	A	2-2
Sept. 6	QPR (SJFC)	H	0-1
Sept. 8	Chelsea	H	2-0
Sept. 15	Ipswich Town (LC1)	A	3-0
Sept. 22	Leyton Orient	H	2-2
Sept. 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-3
Oct. 6	Millwall	A	0-2
Oct. 13	Gillingham	A	0-3
Oct. 20	Bristol City (LC2)	H	2-3
Oct. 27	Charlton Athletic	A	3-1
Oct. 29	Colchester Utd(FAYC)	H	0-2
Nov. 3	Portsmouth	H	2-1
Nov. 10	Cambridge Utd	H	5-1
Nov. 17	Arsenal	A	1-2
Nov. 24	Leyton Orient	A	0-5
Dec. 1	Norwich City	H	1-0
Dec. 8	West Ham Utd	A	1-3
Dec. 22	Southend Utd	H	

Jan. 5	QPR	H	
Jan. 12	Ipswich Town	H	
Jan. 19	Chelsea	A	
Jan. 26	Watford	A	
Feb. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Feb. 9	Millwall	H	
Feb. 16	Gillingham	H	
Feb. 23	Charlton Athletic	H	
Mar. 2	Portsmouth	A	
Mar. 9	Cambridge Utd	A	
Mar. 16	Arsenal	H	
Mar. 23	Watford	H	
Mar. 30	Norwich City	A	
Apr. 6	West Ham Utd	H	
Apr. 13	Southend Utd	A	

All matches kick-off at 11.00am.

Home matches to be played at
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LAURENCE BATTY	I	DAVE FELGATE
MARK NEWSON	2	PHIL BROWN
GLEN THOMAS	3	BARRY COWDRILL
JUSTIN SKINNER	4	SCOTT GREEN
STACEY NORTH	5	MARK SEAGRAVES
SIMON MORGAN	6	MARK WINSTANLEY
GORDON DAVIES	7	STUART STORER
MARK KELLY	8	STEVE THOMPSON
LEROY ROSENIOR	9	DAVID REEVES
GARY BRAZIL	10	TONY PHILLISKIRK
MARTIN PIKE	11	JULIAN DARBY
	12	
	14	

Referee M L James

Linesmen D A Daughtery (red trim), B J Firmin (yellow trim)

